

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The claims are presented for convenience.

1. (Previously Presented) An access device comprising:

first wireless communication means for receiving, via a first wireless communication link, a key and validity information;

second wireless communication means for establishing a second wireless communication link with another party, said second wireless communication means being arranged to provide said key and said validity information to said another party, wherein said key and said validity information allow said another party to determine without any connection to a central control element whether or not to provide access, wherein if said key and said validity information are determined by the another party to be valid access is provided, and wherein said first and second wireless communication means operate at different frequencies.

2. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said receiving means is arranged to receive additional information relating to the another party.

3. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said additional information is available to a user of said access device.

4. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said device comprises a display and said display is arranged to display said additional information.

5. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said device comprises a speaker and said speaker is arranged to provide said additional information audibly.

6.-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said wireless communication means for establishing a connection uses high frequency signals in the giga Hertz range.

9. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second wireless communication means for establishing a second wireless communication link uses low power signals.

10. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second wireless communication means for establishing a second wireless communication link uses wireless PC card signals.

11. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second wireless communication means for establishing a second wireless communication link uses infrared signals.

12. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said device is arranged to have more than one key at the same time.

13. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said key has an identifier associated therewith, said another party being arranged to provide identification information, said device being arranged to provide the key which has the identifier associated with the received identification information to said another party.

14. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said identifier identifies a service provider.

15. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said device provides access to one or more of the following:

hotel room; theatre; cinema; hire car; ski lift; public transport; or office.

16. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said device comprises a memory for storing said key.

17. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least part of said key and/or said validity information are at least partly encrypted.

18. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 17, wherein at least part of said key is not decryptable by said device.

19. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said device is arranged to provide to said another party information identifying the user of said device.

20. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said validity information comprises time relates information.

21. (Original) An access system comprising a device as claimed in claim 1, in combination with said another party.

22. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said another party comprises means for determining if the key and validity information received from said access device are valid.

23. (Previously Presented) An access method comprising the steps of:

receiving, via a first wireless communication link, a key and time related information specifying a time period for which said key is valid;

establishing a second wireless link with another party whenever said first and second communication links operate at different frequencies;

providing said key and said time related information specifying a time period for which said key is valid to said another party; and

checking at said another party if said key and said time related information are valid and if so providing access.

24. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said validity information comprises time related information.

25. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said device is a mobile station.

26. (Currently Amended) A wireless communication device for accessing an access device, the wireless communication device comprising:

a first antenna for establishing a radio connection with a base station of a communication network, a second antenna for establishing a radio connection with the access device, wherein said first and second antennas operate at different frequencies;

a memory for storing a key which is received at the first antenna from the communication network; and

processing circuitry for providing said key via the second antenna to the wireless access device, wherein said wireless access device is able to determine without any connection to a central control element whether the key is valid, and wherein if said key is determined by the access device to be valid, access is provided.